

Interview Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 28 October 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Esposito (6,341,270).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Claim 1 was discussed. Proposed amendments attached

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Michael Cuff 10/28/04
Examiner's signature, if required

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Proposed amendment #1

Interview Agenda:

- Compare Application to Primary Reference Esposito
- Discuss proposed amendments to the independent claims and how the
5 amended claims distinguish over the prior art.

Examiner Cuff,

Below is a proposed amendment to Claim 1. Similar independent claim
amendments will also be presented in the interview. Briefly, we believe the
10 amendment below overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). The amendment
to Claim 1 further clarifies producing circuit which the outstanding office action states
on page 3, line 6 is inherent. The producing circuit in amended claim 1 produces
specific information (i.e. the name of the user and destination designated by the user) in
a specific manner (i.e. based on said identification information). One reason for doing
15 this is to protect user privacy. It is noted that Esposito does not disclose explicitly or
inherently "a producing circuit connected to said retrieving circuit that produces user
information including said name of the user and said destination designated by the user
based on said identification information," and therefore, does not teach each and every
element of amended Claim 1 listed below. We'll discuss this in more detail in the
20 interview at 2:00.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An online shopping apparatus comprising:
a communication circuit that communicates with a user's terminal and a
terminal of an online shopping dealer, said user's terminal storing unrewritable
25 identification information for identifying the user's terminal itself, said user's terminal
reading out said identification information, and sending said identification information
and article information representing an article selected for purchase to said online
shopping apparatus when a user enters said article information;

a storage circuit that stores in advance said identification information, and
30 stores in advance data indicative of a name of the user and data indicative of a
destination designated by said user both corresponding to said identification
information;
a receiving circuit connected to said communication circuit that receives said
article information and said identification information from said user's terminal;
35 a retrieving circuit connected to said receiving circuit and said storage circuit
that retrieves said stored data corresponding to said received identification information;
a producing circuit connected to said retrieving circuit that produces ~~the user's~~
user information including for specifying said user's name of the user and said
~~designation~~ destination designated by the user based on said identification information
40 ~~retrieved data~~; and
a sending circuit connected to said communication circuit and said producing
circuit that sends said article information and said ~~produced user's~~ user information to
the terminal of said online shopping dealer.

Proposed amendment #2

Backup Claim Amendment

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An online shopping apparatus comprising:

5 a communication circuit that communicates with a user's terminal and a terminal of an online shopping dealer, said user's terminal storing unrewritable identification information for identifying the user's terminal itself, said user's terminal reading out said identification information, and sending said identification information and article information representing an article selected for purchase to said online shopping apparatus when a user enters said article information;

10 a storage circuit that stores in advance said identification information, and stores in advance data indicative of a name of the user and data indicative of a destination designated by said user both corresponding to said identification information;

a receiving circuit connected to said communication circuit that receives said article information and said identification information from said user's terminal;

a retrieving circuit connected to said receiving circuit and said storage circuit that retrieves said stored data corresponding to said received identification information;

a shopping circuit connected to said receiving circuit and said communication circuit configured to search for the terminal of an online shopping dealer that begins
20 searching for the terminal of an online shopping dealer based on receiving said identification information from the receiving circuit;

a producing circuit connected to said retrieving circuit that produces ~~the user's~~
user information including for specifying said user's name of the user and said
designation destination designated by the user based on said identification information
25 ~~retrieved data~~; and

a sending circuit connected to said communication circuit and said producing
circuit that sends said article information and said ~~produced user's~~ user information to
the terminal of said online shopping dealer.